

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

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Country of origin: Aotearoa New Zealand

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification:	Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.
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Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 18 June 2018

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 18 June 2018

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file is a sexualised close-up photograph of female genitalia. Consideration has been given as to whether the subject of the image is a young person. The Classification Office considers that there is not enough evidence in the image to conclude the age of the female with any degree of certainty; while she could be a young person she could equally be a young adult. However, the image is still likely to be injurious to the public good unless restricted. There is a common social consensus across many countries that explicit sexual material should be limited to adults, because of the harms to the developing sexual attitudes and behaviours of children and young people from premature exposure to such material. While a restriction to adults limits the right to freedom of expression as provided by the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, it is reasonable and justified because of society's concerns around access to sexually explicit material by young people.